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DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

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LOOK WHO'S
BACK!
LOOK WHO'S
DEAD!

THE BUGLE
DAREDEVIL
MURDERS
THE JESTER!

DON'T TRY
TO ESCAPE,
HORNHEAD!

ONE
WRONG MOVE--
AND WE'LL
SHOOT!

BUCKLER
& GACIOIA

He dwells in eternal night—but the blackness is filled with sounds and scents, tastes and textures other men cannot perceive. For though attorney MATT MURDOCK is *blind*, his other four senses function with *superhuman sharpness*—his uncanny *radar sense* guides him over every obstacle! He stalks the streets by night, a relentless red-garbed foe of evil!

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**** DAILY BUGLE, Sunday, April 11, 1976

WEATHER: Mostly sunny, breezy, warm.

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FINAL

SPECIAL EDITION! WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Famed crime-fighter sought for bloody murder of three policemen.

President John F. Kennedy and brother Robert F. Kennedy discovered alive.

U.S. Soldiers fighting secret war in Middle East.

Armed forces "hypnotized" into believing existence of war in Vietnam.

See exclusive reports inside by Bugle staff reporters Marv Wolfman, Bob Brown, Jim Mooney, Michele Wolfman, Joe Rosen. Begins page two.



Pentagon Says Yes To War

(MPI: Apr. 10) General Theodore Gross said today in a nationwide press conference that current reports of the supposed "non-existence" of the Vietnam war are "totally false."

"The idea that the U.S. hypnotized its soldiers into believing there was a Vietnam war, while the true war was being waged in Chile, is preposterous," the General insisted. "Whoever began this ridicu-

lous rumor should be found and prosecuted, and the television networks which constantly reported the story and refused to air official denials, should be investigated.

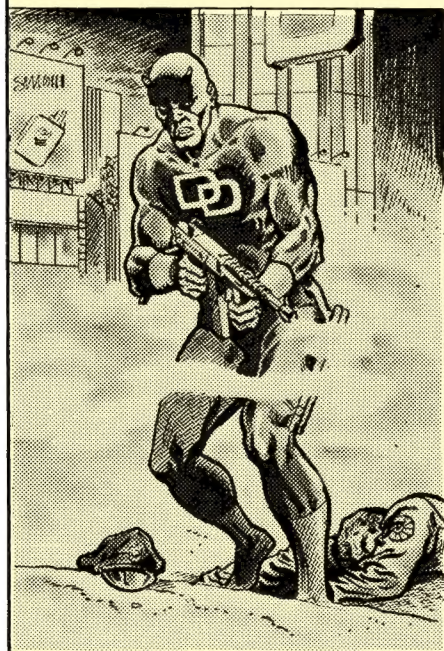
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Fearless Publisher, J. Jonah Jameson, Speaks Out!



"What Lurks Behind Those Masks Of Theirs?"

As loyal readers of the Bugle already know, I have always questioned the motives of these so-called "super-heroes" who parade about in public wearing ridiculous costumes, and claim to be concerned for the rights of our city's average citizen. Consider Spider-man, who is still wanted for questioning in two unsolved murders, or Daredevil, currently being sought for the alleged murders of three honest policemen. These masked men are still that—*masked, anonymous, unknown*. If their true identities are unknown, so, too, are their true motives. I call upon our government to begin an immediate investigation of all these 'heroes.' Let us see what they have to hide behind those masks of theirs. If they truly wish to help the public and not themselves, let them come forth and submit to cross-examination. Thank you.



Crime Fighter Now Killer? TV says Yes! Police say No!

(MPI Apr. 10) Everyone saw the famed crime-fighter known as Daredevil machine gun to death three honest policemen on last night's TV newscasts, yet the NYPD insists that no policemen have been killed in action this month.

Roll calls taken at all New York operating Station Houses substantiate the

NYPD release, which therefore demands that another question be asked: Did Daredevil kill *anyone* last night? Did the newscasts lie? And, if the answer to both these questions is "no" what did happen? Network officials claim there never was a news spot on the alleged murders, yet many New Yorkers saw the films.

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Jester Returns, Claims "DD Rigged My Arrest!"

Photo from the Daily Bugle Archives, P. Parker, Photographer.



BUGLE EXCLUSIVE:

"Yeah, that's right, Daredevil, that crooked murderer, he rigged that whole fiasco which made it seem like I was a crook and not him.

Remember that he tried to kill me, and then convinced the cops that I was trying to fake my own death! But the truth is now out, and that scarlet clown is finally shown for what he truly is—a black-

hearted killer." Those were the words of an embittered man, Jonathan Powers, otherwise known as the Jester. But now he speaks out against the man he holds directly re-

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White House Takes Look At 'Control Of The Media'



MPI wirefoto taken in White House Oval Room

(Combined sources, Apr. 10) President Ford, Vice President Rockefeller, Secretary of State Kissinger, and others, issued a joint statement "Deploing the misuse of the public airwaves in giving fraudulent news reports."

The eight-page statement went on to say that "seven such reports have been issued over the past months, and all of them have proven to be inaccurate, and though newspapers and news magazines

have reported that fact, the American public does not know whether to believe what they see, or what they read. Consequently, there is confusion in the streets."

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"I Never Said Any Of Those Things!"

TV Newsmen Refutes Reports

(MPI Apr. 9) CBC newsmen Roger Bowne claims he never said any of those news items attributed to him these past months. "We have our station tapes to prove it. Whatever went across the airwaves did not originate in our studios."

Bowne, anchorman for the Ch. 8 "Eyewitness News" show, insists they have made "persistent efforts to prove



this, yet our statements are constantly and mysteriously edited out of the show."

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Ex D.A. Nelson 'Angry!'

By JAKE CONOVER
Daily Bugle Staff Reporter

Former DA Franklin Nelson, is "hopping mad" at the misleading news reports.

"It has nothing to do with the obvious phony commercials which led to my losing the recent campaign," the lawyer added. The commercials mentioned by Nelson showed him getting a pie in the face with the narrator cautioning listeners "And that's why they call him Foggy." Other TV spots also portrayed the "Fighting DA" as falling down steps, tripping over loose wires, and giving up the night before the election. Here, again, the networks insist that they never aired those commercial spots, yet millions of New Yorkers repeatedly saw them for weeks before the November election.

Mr. Nelson, co-partner with blind attorney Matthew Murdock, also stated today that he has "total confidence" that the present DA, Blake Tower, will bring the culprits to justice.

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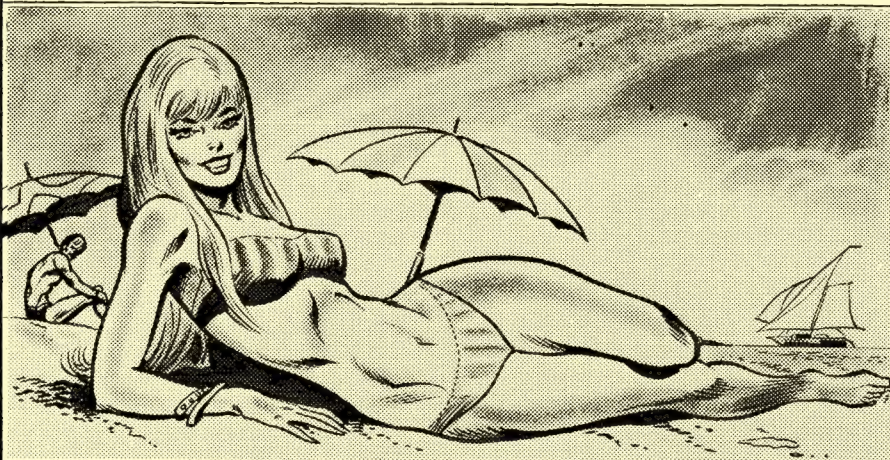
Tompkins: 'Something Bizarre Is Going On!'



(MPI Apr. 9) NBS anchorman Wally Tompkins agreed with fellow newsmen today that something strange indeed is going on. "We say one thing, yet the news is jumbled by the time our viewers hear

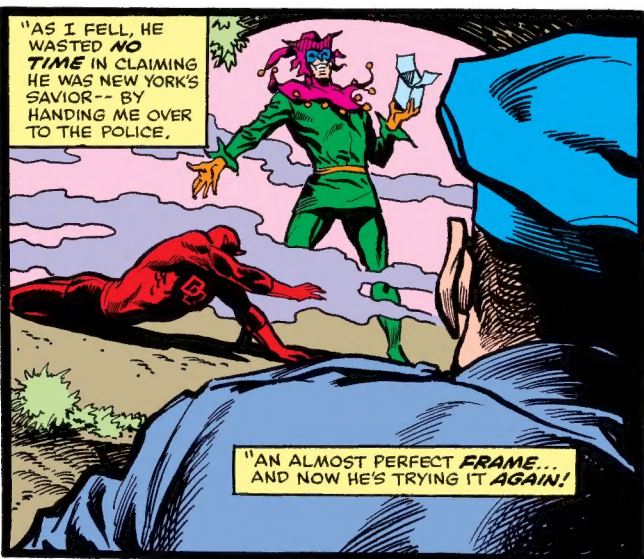
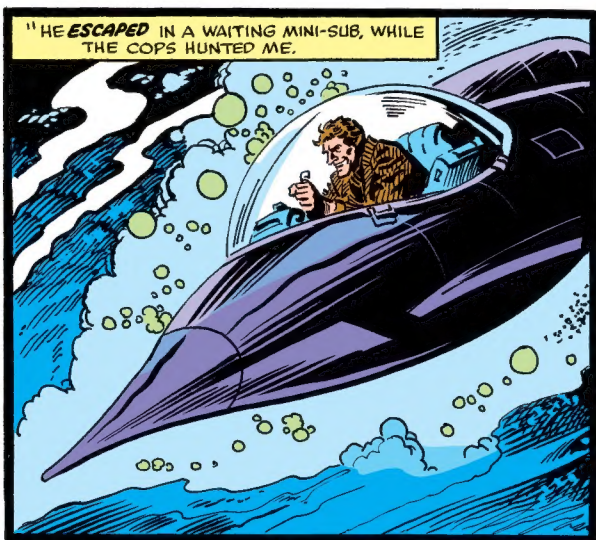
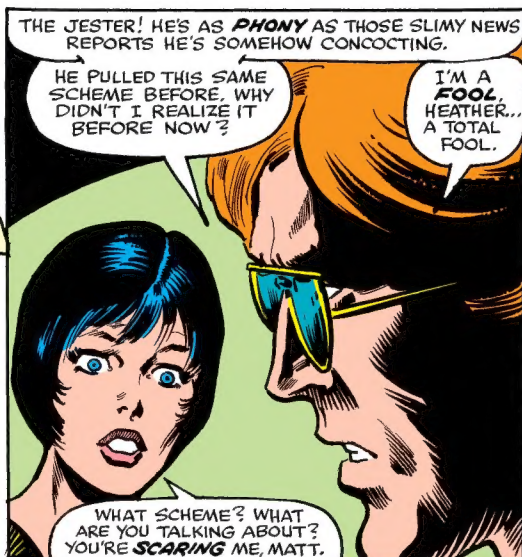
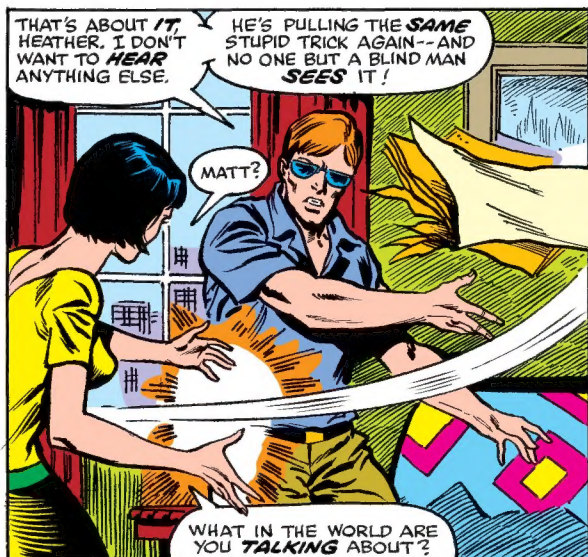
it. Someone, or something, is interfering with our regular newscasts. But for what reason? Why the weird stories?"

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AND SOME DON'T REALLY CARE AT ALL!

While shivering New Yorkers wonder what is real and what is not, lovely Laura Lee Landers lolls in the sun on the beaches of Sydney, Australia, where temperatures are currently topping the 90 degree mark. Can she know something we don't?



"BUT I *ESCAPED* THE POLICE, THEN TURNED THE *TABLES* ON HIM.

"KNOWING HE WAS AN EGO-MANIAC, I *POSED* AS HIM ON A LATE NIGHT *TALK SHOW*...

"...WHICH BROUGHT HIM *ENRAGED* TO THE STUDIO WITHIN MINUTES. HIS EGO, *DEMANDING VENGEANCE* ON ANYONE DARING TO STEAL HIS PRECIOUS SPOTLIGHT, FORCED HIM TO *ATTACK ME*...

"...SO I *REVEALED MYSELF*--AND COUNTERED HIS *ATTACK*.

"DURING THE BATTLE, I *UNMASKED* HIM--AND PROVED TO THE NATION THAT *HE* WAS THE MAN I HAD *SUPPOSEDLY* KILLED... ALIVE AND WELL! *

"BEFORE WE FIRST TANGLED, HE TRIED TO MAKE FOGGY *FORFEIT* THE RACE FOR D.A.--THIS TIME AROUND HE TRIED AGAIN, AND *SUCCEEDED*.

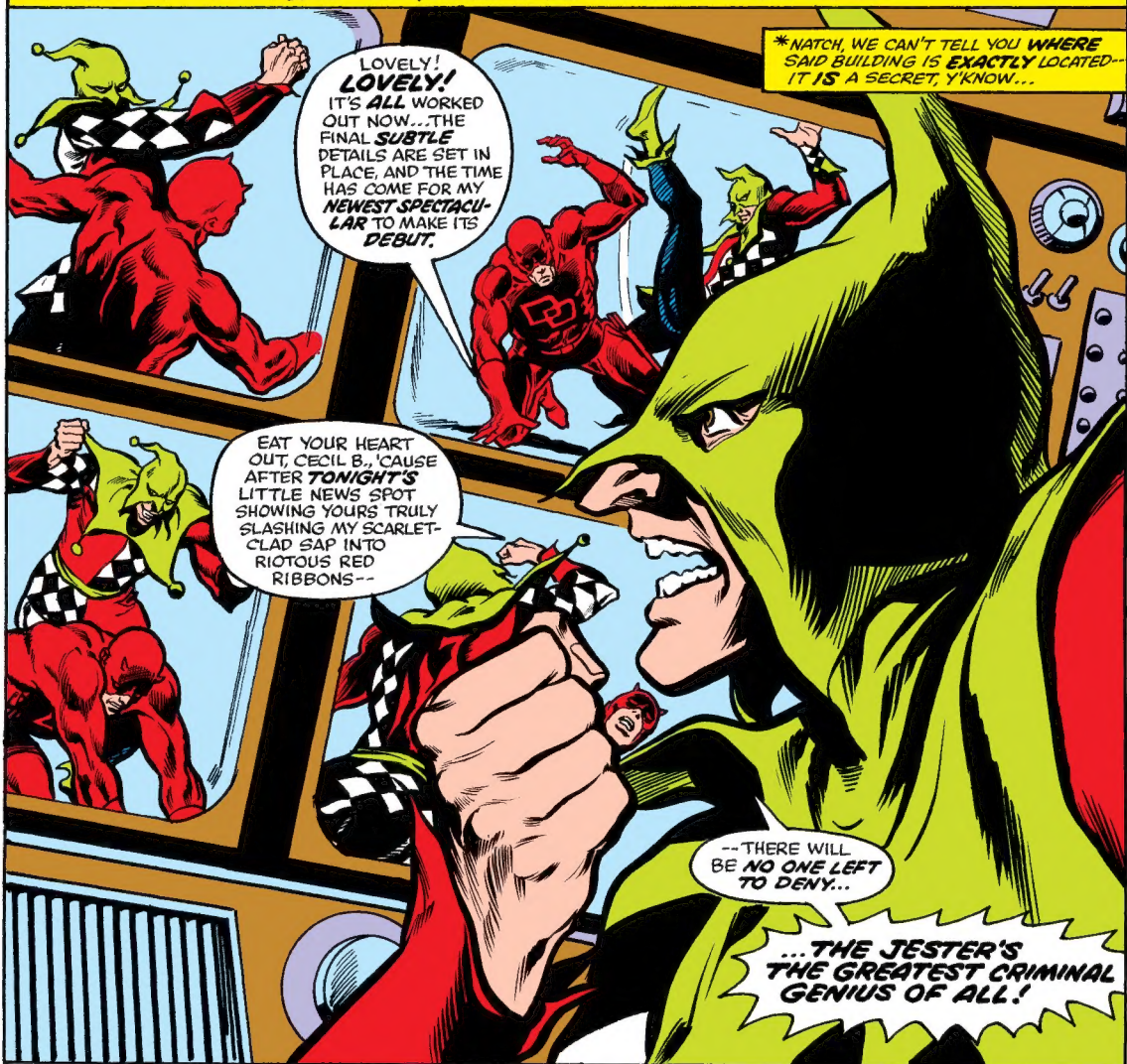
"IT ALL *FITS* LIKE A CRAZY JIG-SAW PUZZLE. HE'S BACK... WITH THE *SAME* SCHEME...AND THIS TIME HE'S GOT IT *WORKING--BETTER THAN BEFORE!*

*ALL SHOWN IN DD#45.--MW

"NOW THE QUESTION IS--WHAT CAN *DAREDEVIL* DO TO *PROVE* WHAT HE KNOWS? AND MAN, FOR PERHAPS THE *FIRST* TIME IN QUITE A *LONG* TIME...MRS. MURDOCK'S LITTLE BOY MATT--*DOESN'T* HAVE ANY ANSWERS!"



WHILE HEATHER TEACHES MATT THE RULES OF THE GAME, LET US SLIDE OVER TO A SMALL RUNDOWN BUILDING THAT JUST **HAPPENS** TO BE THE SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE INSIDIOUSLY JOCLAR JESTER.*



THE STOREFRONT, LEGAL SERVICES DISPENSED FREE OF CHARGE, ESTABLISHED 1975 BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ITS RESIDENT COUNSELORS; MATTHEW MURDOCK AND...

FOGGY? ER, HOW IS THE INVESTIGATION AGAINST MY, EH, DAD, COMING?

AND IF YOU DON'T MIND ME SAYING THIS, I HOPE IT'S COMING LOUSY.

THE STOREFRONT
LEGAL SERVICE

I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT, HEATHER...

...AND SO FAR YOU'VE HIT THE PROVERBIAL NAIL-- IT *IS* COMING OFF LOUSY.

SOMEHOW, THE STATE RECORDS DEALING WITH YOUR FATHER'S ORGANIZATION WERE **DESTROYED**... IN A MYSTERIOUS FIRE.

BUT I WOULDN'T WORRY **TOO MUCH** ABOUT YOUR DAD.

YOU *KNOW* SOMETHING, FOGGY?

NO, JUST INTUITION. I'M NOT SURE YOUR FATHER'S AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN HIS ORGANIZATION.

FOR INSTANCE, I **WASN'T ALLOWED** TO SPEAK WITH HIM. I HAD TO SEE HIS PRIVATE **GORILLA**... A NEANDERTHAL NAMED **STONE**.

AND SOMETHING ABOUT **STONE** SUGGESTS THAT **HE** MIGHT BE RUNNING THE WHOLE SHEBANG HIMSELF.

OF COURSE, WITHOUT HARD EVIDENCE, I CAN'T GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR DAD. NOT **YET**, ANYWAY.

GOSH, I SURE HOPE THAT'S **TRUE**, FOGGY. I **LOVE** MY DAD, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO IF HE ACTUALLY **WERE** INVOLVED IN SOMETHING SHADY.

OR WHAT **WE** WOULD DO. THE **STOREFRONT** IS FUNDED THROUGH HIS LEGAL OFFICES.

WE'RE JUST APPOINTED HERE, AND HE COULD CHANGE THAT **ANYTIME** HE WANTS TO.

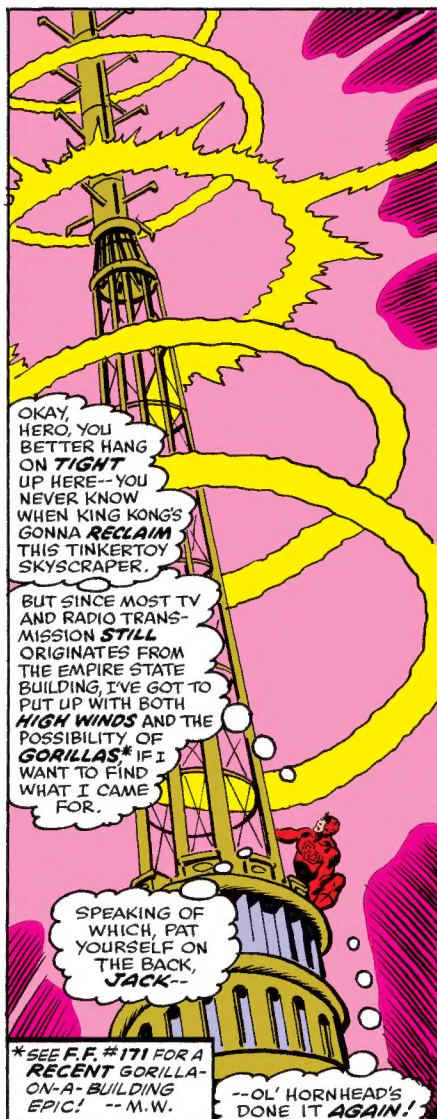
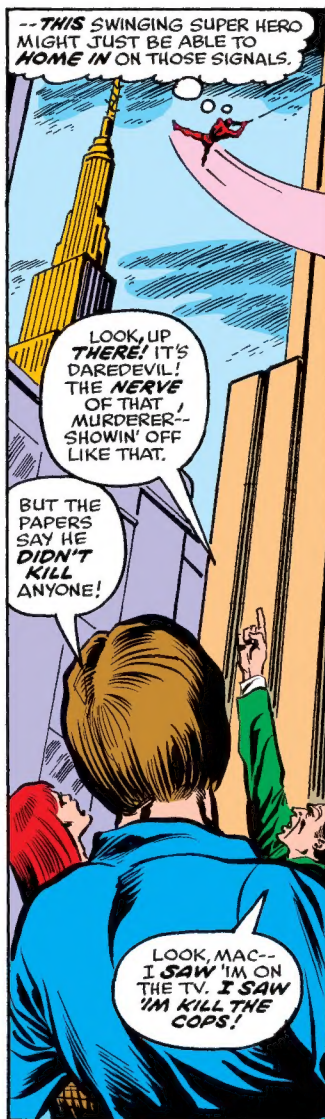
WHICH MEANS IF WE GET ON HIS **NERVES**... AND IF HE **IS** GUILTY--

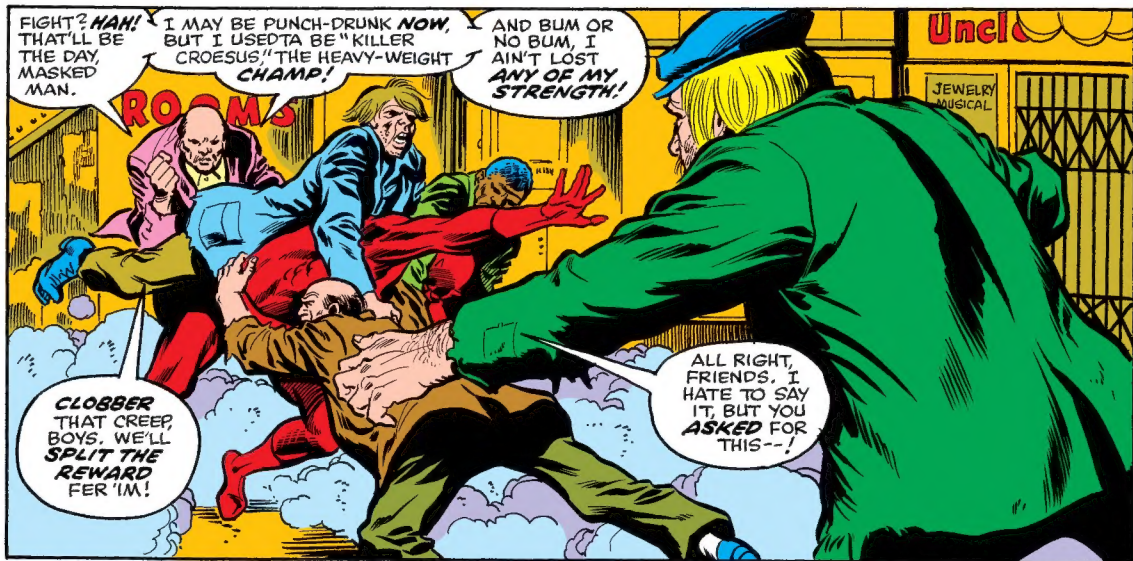
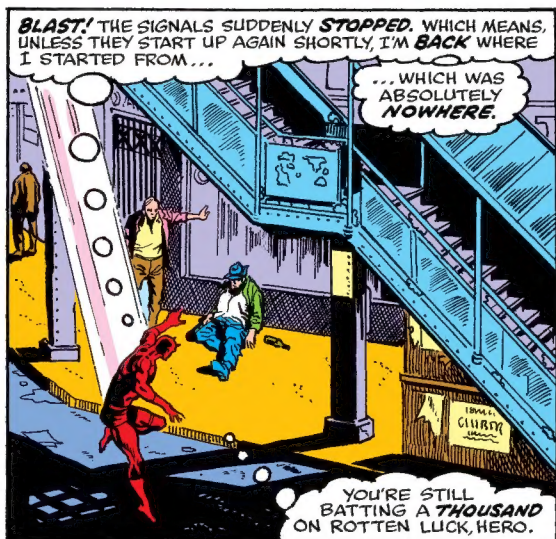
--WE COULD BE OUT ON THE **STREET**, WITHOUT EVEN A TIN-CUP TO BEG WITH.

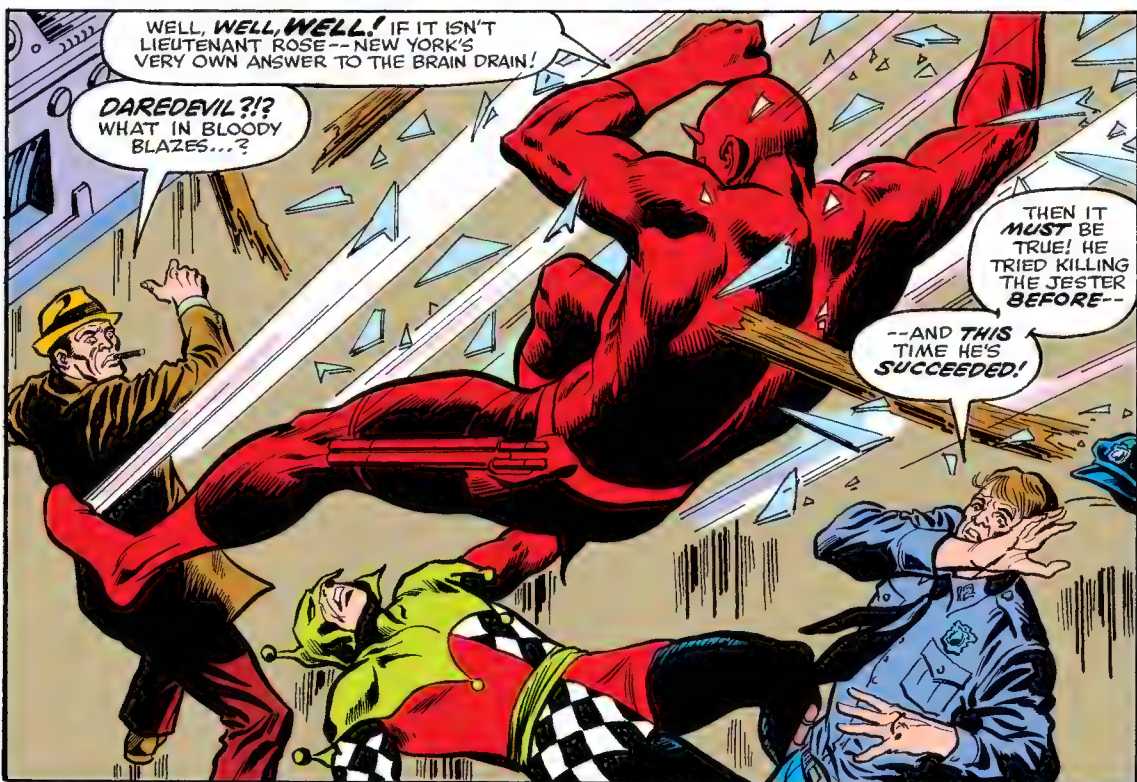
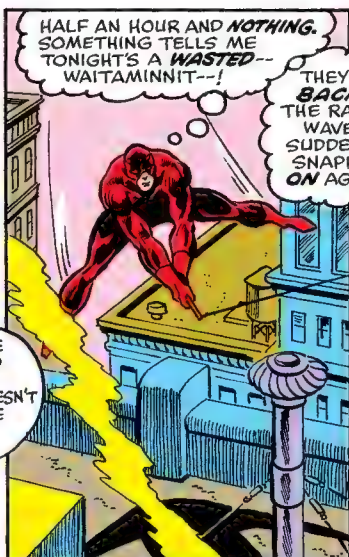
HOLD IT, FOGGY. LISTEN TO **THIS**...!

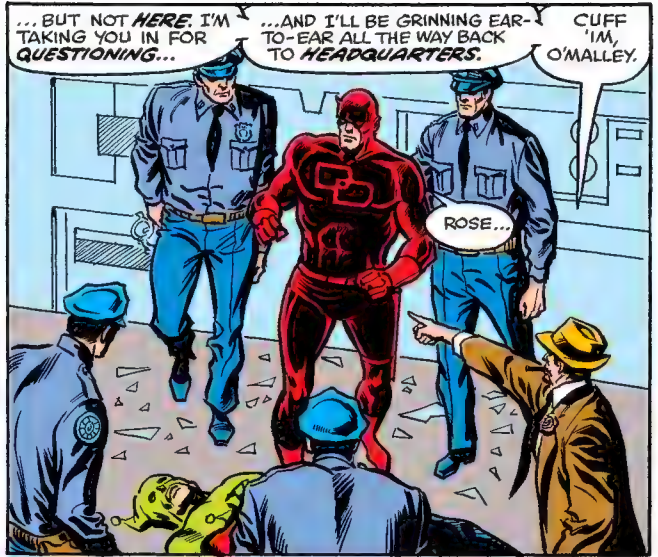
WHAT! I'D KNOW THAT GRINNING HYENA ANYWHERE-- EVEN IN A **NEW COSTUME**! THAT MAN'S... **THE JESTER!**

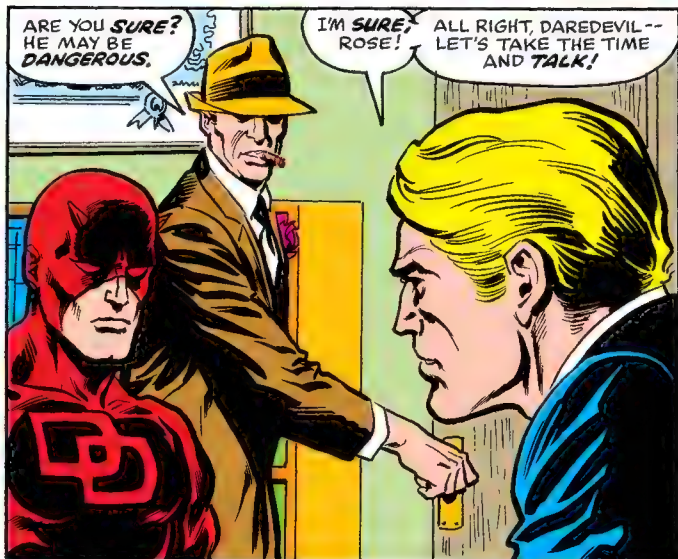
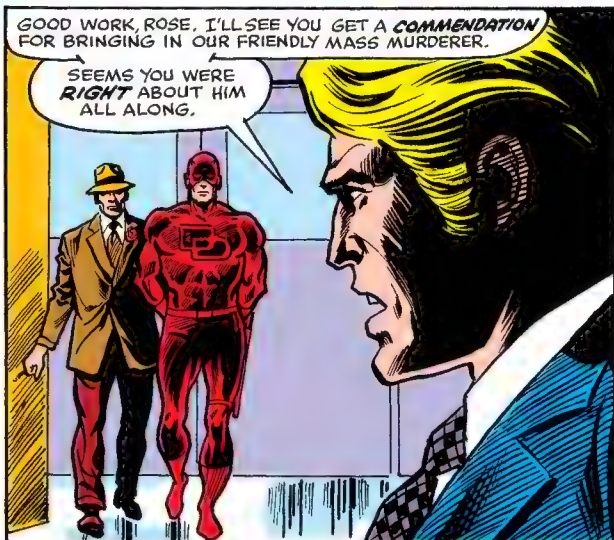
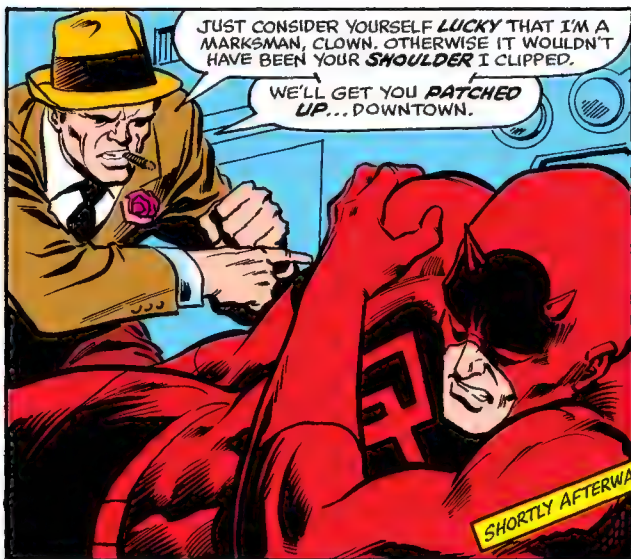
...I'LL SPEND MY **LIFE** HUNTING DOWN DAREDEVIL. HE **FRAMED** ME, AND I'VE WASTED MY TIME IN PRISON BECAUSE OF THAT **MURDERER!**

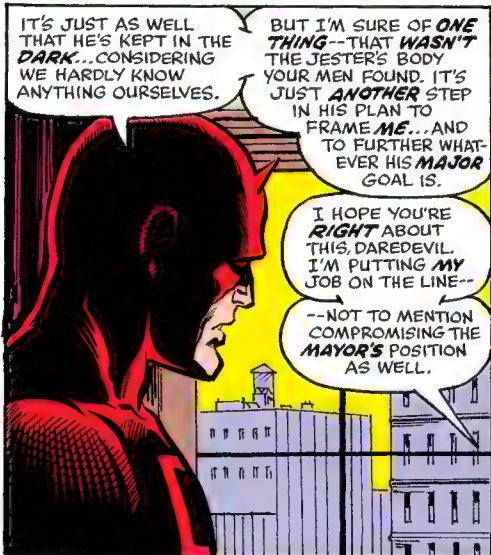


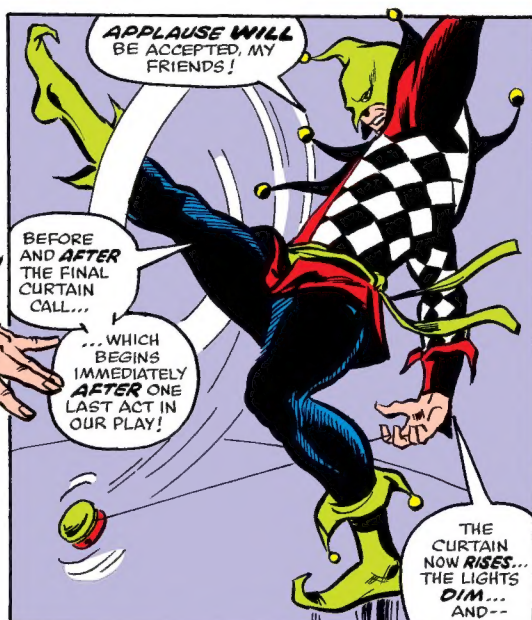
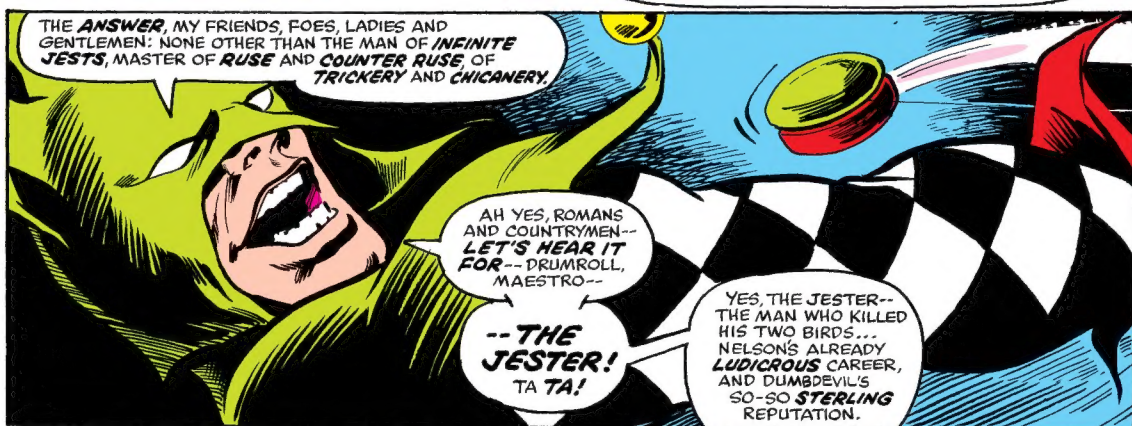












DOWNFALL OF A HERO. HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN. WHERE ONCE HE LED OTHERS DOWN THIS CORRIDOR NOW HE IS LED BY A STERN-FACED GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE.

HA! HA! HA! YOU FINALLY GOT YOURS, HORNHEAD!

THIS IS THE CELL, DAREDEVIL... AND I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS.

YOU PUT ME HERE YEARS AGO, CRUD.

SO THEY PUT YOU IN WITH ME, EH, CREEP. THEN GET THIS STRAIGHT-- YOU MAY'VE BEEN A BIG-SHOT OUT THERE...

...BUT HERE, I'M THE GUY YOU LISTEN TO. UNDERSTAND, PUNK?

OR D'YA GET A LESSON IN RESPECT NOW?

SORRY...

... CREEP, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

NOT AT ALL!

HEY!

WHAT IN THE WORLD--?!? GRAPPLING HOOKS?

CLANG!

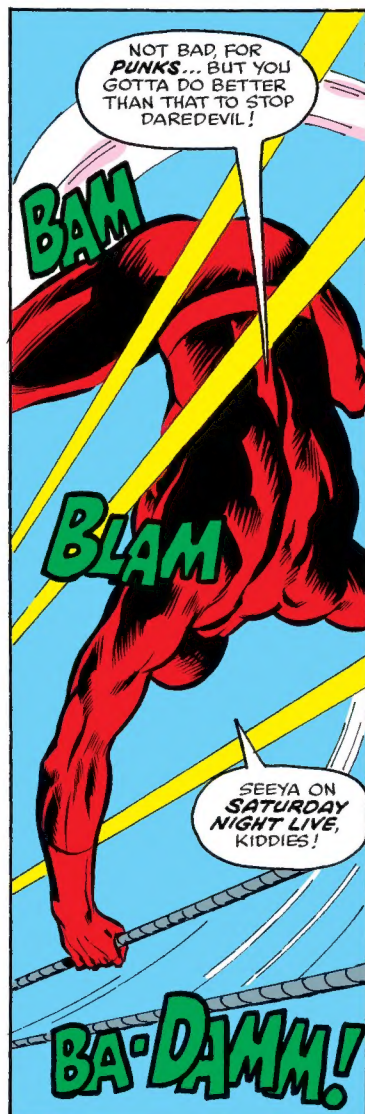
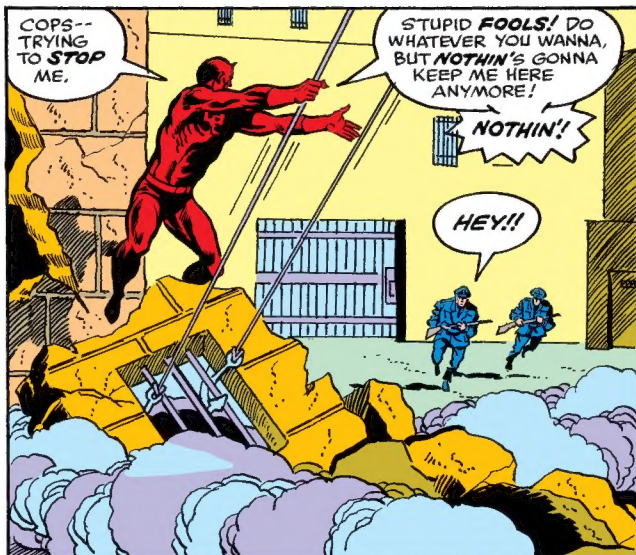
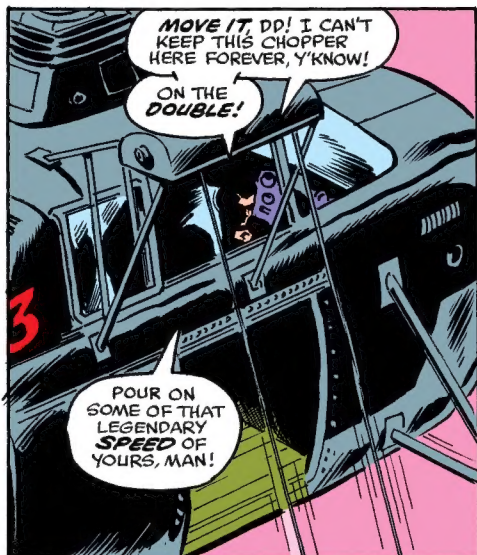
LOOKS LIKE MY BOYS FINALLY GOT AROUND TO SPRINGING ME...

TOOK THEIR TIME ABOUT IT.

HUNH? HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

AN ESCAPE, CREEP...OR MAYBE YOUR RODENT-LIKE MIND CAN'T COMPREHEND WHAT YOU'RE SEEING!

SKA-RUNNCHH





SORRY, HORNHEAD, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

YOUR "PILOT" MAY HAVE BROUGHT YOU THIS FAR--



--BUT THE JESTER'S MAKING SURE YOU'RE GOING NO FURTHER!

HE SNAPPED MY LINE!



HAVE TO ARC MY BODY... MAKE A PERFECT DIVE--

--SLICE THE WATER LIKE A KNIFE!



AH HA HA! JUST AS I TOLD YOU, GENTLEMEN-- THERE, STANDING SLIGHTLY SOGGY BEFORE YOU-- THE STAR OF THIS LITTLE MURDER-GO-ROUND!

THE MAN WHO TRIED KILLING ME TWICE BEFORE... ONLY TO FAIL!

THE JESTER! IT CAN'T BE! I THOUGHT I KILLED YOU IN THAT WAREHOUSE!

BUT--?



SHOCKED, SUCKER? SHAKING IN YOUR RED UNDERWEAR, FRIEND? GOOD! VERY GOOD!

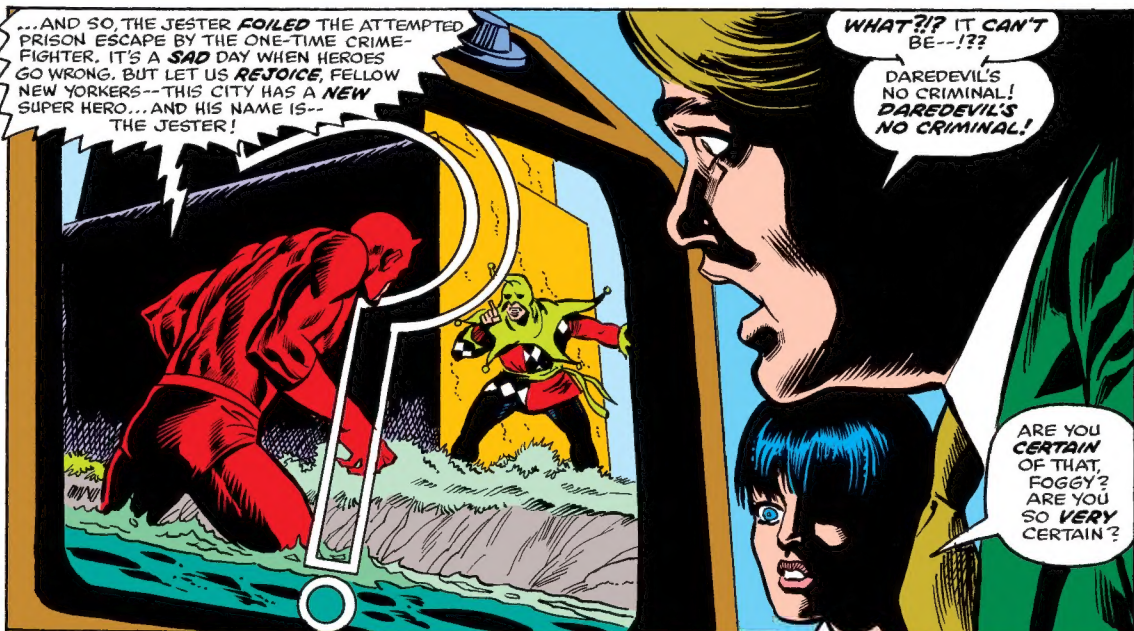
GENTLEMEN OF JUSTICE, I PRESENT YOU WITH YOUR PRISONER...

...COMPLIMENTS OF... THE JESTER!

THANKS, JESTER! YOU'VE DONE THIS CITY A TRUE SERVICE!

HA HA HA

HA HA HA



...AND SO, THE JESTER FOILED THE ATTEMPTED PRISON ESCAPE BY THE ONE-TIME CRIME-FIGHTER. IT'S A SAD DAY WHEN HEROES GO WRONG. BUT LET US REJOICE, FELLOW NEW YORKERS--THIS CITY HAS A NEW SUPER HERO...AND HIS NAME IS-- THE JESTER!

WHAT?!? IT CAN'T BE--!??

DAREDEVIL'S NO CRIMINAL! DAREDEVIL'S NO CRIMINAL!

ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THAT, FOGGY? ARE YOU SO VERY CERTAIN?

CONFUSED, PILGRIM? YOU OUGHT TO BE! BUT DON'T WORRY, NEXT ISSUE WILL REALLY SHOCK YOU. WE TRUST YOU'LL BE HERE FOR--

A HANGING FOR A HERO!

'NUFF SAID?